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## CRADLE SONG OF MARY THE MOTHER

Adapted from the Spanish of Lope De Vega, 16th Century

BY ELIZABETH HAMMOND

Angels,  
Dear Angels of Heaven!  
Aid the Vigil I keep  
That my Baby may sleep.  
Fly down where the Palms toss their fronds and complain,  
And murmur aloud in the rushing wind's train,  
For my little Child's sake  
Hold the swaying boughs still.

Oh Palm trees,  
Proud Palms of Judea!  
Ere thy branches they lay  
On some conqueror's way.  
Hear One who might still thee with royal behest  
But now upon Earth he must weep for his rest.  
Kind Angels of God  
Make silent the World  
That my Baby may sleep.

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